

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing new references. The foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are submitted herewith.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement – Documents Related to Japanese Opposition Proceedings – includes documents related to a foreign proceeding in Japan related to foreign counterparts to U.S. Patent No. 5,818,630, which is owned by the assignee of the present application (IMRA America, Inc.), has the same inventors as the present application, and is incorporated by reference therein. The cited documents relate to trial proceedings for a request for cancellation of a patent invalidation trial decision in Japan filed on May 21, 2010 by IPG Photonics Corporation against Japanese Patent No. 3,990,034 B2, the Japanese counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 5,818,630.

For the cited Japanese patent references, Applicant has attached English abstracts and/or machine translations of the Japanese patent references obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website. Applicant makes no representation as to the accuracy of the English abstracts or machine translations. If the Examiner would like additional information regarding these references or if anything is unclear, the Examiner is invited to request such information, and Applicant will attempt to comply with any such request.

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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The present application is undergoing appeal. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references listed herein; however, if the references cannot be considered prior to the disposition of the appeal, Applicant respectfully requests this Information Disclosure Statement and enclosed references be placed in the file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i). No fee is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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